

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A mailing system comprising:

a plurality of devices associated with mail preparation, each of said plurality of devices adapted to communicate with other of said plurality of devices via a wireless communication;

a gateway server adapted to communicate with each of said plurality of devices via a wireless communication, said gateway server being coupled to a communication network, said gateway server and said plurality of devices forming a local network, said gateway server acting as a master of said local network, each of said plurality of devices communicating with another of said plurality of devices via a wireless communication through said gateway server; and

a remote device coupled to said communication network, said remote device communicating with said gateway server via said communication network, said gateway server creating a proxy for each of said plurality of devices in said local network,

wherein a service of at least one of said plurality of devices can be invoked by said remote device utilizing said created proxy for said at least one of said plurality of devices.

2. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said wireless communications are radio frequency communications.

3. (Original) The system according to claim 2, wherein said radio frequency communications are automatically established.

4. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of devices includes a scale.

5. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of devices includes a postage meter.

6. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of devices includes a mail processing machine.

7. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of devices includes a personal computer.

8. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a data center coupled to said communication network,

wherein said gateway server communicates with said data center via said communication network, said data center receiving data from and sending data to at least one of said plurality of devices via said communication network, said gateway server, and a wireless communication between said gateway server and said at least one of said plurality of devices.

9. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 8, wherein said communication network is a public switched telephone network.

10. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 8, wherein said communication network is the Internet.

11-30. Cancelled.

31. (Original) A method for invoking a service of a mailing device by a remote device, said mailing device belonging to a wireless mailing system, said method comprising the steps of:

registering said mailing device with a gateway server, said registration being done via a wireless communication between said mailing device and said gateway server;

creating a proxy for said registered mailing device and storing said proxy in said gateway server;

establishing a communication between said remote device and said gateway server via a network;

selecting a service associated with registered mailing device via said communication between said remote device and said gateway server; and

invoking said selected service via said proxy by said remote device.

32. (Original) The method according to claim 31, wherein said wireless communication between said mailing device and said gateway server is a radio frequency communication.

33. (Original) The method according to claim 31, wherein said step of selecting a service further comprises:

displaying a plurality of services associated with said registered device; and

selecting one of said plurality of services associated with said registered device.

34. (Original) The method according to claim 31, wherein said network is the Internet.

35. (Original) The method according to claim 31, wherein said mailing device is a postage meter.

36. (Original) The method according to claim 31, wherein said mailing device is a scale.

37. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 31, wherein said service includes generating an operating status report for sending to the remote device.